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Re: Inspection Needed for Variances, Deficient Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Quality Building Stone, Snow White Mine, S/015/084, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and \$100 permit fee, received by the Division on October 4, 1999. This notice application is for the proposed Snow White small mine project, located on BLM managed lands in the SW1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 15, T19S, R13E, SLBM, Emery County. A copy of your notice was forwarded to the BLM Price Field Office for their review.

Your notice proposes quarrying of building stone which will be processed at a plant located off the mine site. No new roads are proposed. Variances from topsoil salvage, seedbed preparation, and reseeding practices are requested on the basis that the project area lacks topsoil and vegetation prior to mining.

This small mine notice does not satisfy the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated. **The following information is still required by the Division before this notice can be considered complete:**

Please describe the proposed quarry excavation by providing the proposed length, width and depth of the excavation.

Please describe how any overburden or waste materials will be managed during operations, or used in final reclamation of the quarry excavation.

Please describe the method of quarrying and types of equipment to be used ( i.e. drilling and blasting, ripping with a dozer, excavating with a backhoe bucket, etc.).

A documented site inspection performed by Division or BLM staff is required before any variances can be granted. Ideally, no mining activity should take place until after the existing site conditions have


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been documented by an inspection. Variances which are granted by the Division are subject to acceptance by the BLM who will have the final jurisdiction regarding reclamation on BLM managed lands.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We have forwarded a copy of your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

The Division will suspend review of your small mine notice and await your response to this review letter. In reply, please refer to Division file number S/015/084. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Senior Reclamation Specialist

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